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Yurdin, Bruce to: Julianne Socha

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Sounds good. Staff here have been advised to lock in these dates. Let me know if Ms. Conover needs anything on this end. We'll have a laptop and projector that she and others can use. I suggest presenters simply carry their presentations on a flash drive or they can email them to me prior to 11/15/11. Don't forget that the AG's staff will be at the meeting on October 12th.
bjy

-----Original Message-----

From: Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Yurdin, Bruce
Subject: RE: IL Work Plan Training requirements

Thanks!

The training will definitely include a NMP section presented by Caitlin Conover from EPA Office of Water in DC. She'll be in Springfield to present that component of the training on November 16.

This portion of the training will fulfill the NMP training requirement in the work plan.

Since IEPA only have one staff that was not able to attend the March 22 training it may not be the best use of IEPA and EPA resources to repeat a condensed version of the March 22 training. When we meet next week we can discuss topics for training that will benefit IEPA the most. EPA is flexible on whether IEPA or EPA presents a topic. The presenter will depend on what topics IEPA wants to discuss. When we meet next week we can discuss start and stop time but EPA regional folks should be in Springfield by noon on the 15th and can stay as late as IEPA is available on the 15th. On the 16th EPA regional and HQ folks should be available whenever IEPA folks would like to start and we would need to finish by 3pm so we could travel back to Chicago that afternoon/evening.

topics suggested to me so far include penalty calculations and deciding which facilities need a permit.

After our meeting next week I'll put together a draft agenda for IEPA's review and edit.

From: "Yurdin, Bruce" <Bruce.Yurdin@Illinois.gov>
To: Julianne Socha/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/04/2011 11:49 AM
Subject: RE: IL Work Plan Training requirements

We have the room we need here so all is "Go" for November 15PM--16AM. Please let others know at Region 5 and HQ who will attend. Since it appear EPA staff will be doing most or all of the training, let me know what times you would like to start-stop and what topics will be covered. If you can develop a draft agenda, please send that along and I'll let IEPA and the Attorney General's staff know. Let me know if our staff or the AG's will be called upon for presentations.
bjy

-----Original Message-----

From: Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 4:55 PM
To: Yurdin, Bruce
Subject: RE: IL Work Plan Training requirements

Thanks for getting back to me as soon as you figure something out please let me know so I can work on getting travel arranged

From: "Yurdin, Bruce" <Bruce.Yurdin@Illinois.gov>
To: Julianne Socha/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/29/2011 10:00 AM
Subject: RE: IL Work Plan Training requirements

We are having a little trouble finding a room with sufficient space. I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

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From: Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 5:22 PM
To: Yurdin, Bruce
Subject: RE: IL Work Plan Training requirements

Bruce,
I wanted to follow up with you to confirm dates for training in November. Steve Jann is not available on November 17. Is it possible to hold the training on the afternoon of November 15 and the morning of November 16.

Steve Jann and other regional staff training portions would be held during the afternoon of November 15 (or if there enough topics all day on the 15) then Caitlin could conduct the NMP portion of the training during the morning of November 16.

Please let me know if this time schedule will work for IEPA.

Thanks.
Julianne

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Date: 09/23/2011 05:04 PM
Subject: RE: IL Work
Plan Training requirements

That all sounds good from here. We can arrange to have a conference room in our office. Let's tentatively set the date and time as 1pm--5pm November 16 and 8:30--noon November 17. Caitlin can have all of the 16th if she wants and we can discuss what to do on the 17th when we meet in October. If you, Cheryl or others have ideas on topics for the 17th,

we can also exchange ideas via email.
bjy

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From: Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 4:37 PM
To: Yurdin, Bruce; Heacock, Dan
Cc: Sofat, Sanjay; Burdett.Cheryl@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: RE: IL Work Plan Training requirements

HQ's presentation will be limited to nutrient management plan training. Since EPA has not made this training available on-line yet the best alternative is to have someone from HQ who is familiar with the forthcoming CAFO permit writers' guidance come to present. This will complete the NMP training requirement of the work plan.

Other topics that you mentioned in the your email below will probably be discussed and presented by regional staff, not HQ. The general portion of the training can be edited from what was presented by EPA in March to include other topics of interest to IEPA. During our upcoming October meeting, EPA and IEPA can decide on topics to include in the training and the length of the training. The NMP training will take at least a morning or afternoon. We can fill the rest of the day and a portion of the day before or after with other topics of interest to IEPA.

Next step: confirm a date(s) for the training and location

Caitlin Conover is the HQ representative that will present the NMP portion of the training. The best date in November for her to come to Springfield is Wednesday, November 16. Will this date work for IEPA? Will IEPA be able to provide a conference room at your Springfield offices for the training or would you prefer the training be held at a different IEPA location?

Thanks. Securing a date and location for the training will allow EPA representatives to start the approval process for our travel.

julianne

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09/23/2011 04:00 PM
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RE: IL Work
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To cover the issues you raised in the order presented:

All of the newly hired permit writers (in March 2011) completed their training within six months of being hired, that includes the following staff and the dates of training completion, using the EPA web-based training you identified in your email (below):

Raj Ojha - Exemption 6 and Exemption 7(C)
Jamie Cowles - Exemption 6 and Exemption 7(C)
Yacine Anane -

The last staff to be hired for CAFOs was one of the field inspectors who missed the March 22, 2011 training session since her first day here was Exemption 6 and Exemption 7(C). She and the other CAFO inspectors have all now completed the on-line training we detailed in the training plan provided to Region 5 according to the Work Plan, on August 1, 2011.

To sum up then, everyone was present at the March 22 training session except one new hire who came on-board a week or so later. Since then, all new hires and old hires who work on CAFOs have completed the prescribed on-line training, either for permit writers or for other staff working on CAFOs.

I agree that we can proceed with planning a mid-November training session. That at least should get us close to complying with the intent

of the training requirements under the Work Plan. I suggest you ask whoever is coming in from EPA HQ about topics and updates they may be familiar with, that they may speak about. We have several case histories that we could make presentations about. I would also like to ask the AG's staff to participate and make a presentation. Lastly, the most crucial piece of the CAFO puzzle is now and always has been "Who needs a permit". We need to make that a central point of the training.

Let me know how you would like to proceed.
bjy

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From: Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 3:02 PM
To: Yurdin, Bruce; Sofat, Sanjay; Heacock, Dan
Cc: Maraldo.Dean@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: RE: IL Work Plan Training requirements

I talked to Dean and he's fine with us working to establish dates for the training now. Topics to include in the training in addition to what's required by the work plan can be further discussed at the meeting in October.

Per the work plan, IEPA newly-hired staff should have completed the NPDES permit writers' course and NMP training within six months after their start date. EPA's information shows the last newly hired staff started in early April 2011 making the due date for training early October 2011. Additionally, EPA is required to train newly hired staff within six months after their start date. In an effort to work toward completing this element of the work plan within a reasonable time of the due date, I'd like to work on scheduling the date for training on calendars and get travel funds approved. After checking EPA calendars the week of November 14 is the most open for EPA participants (both NPDES and Enforcement & Compliance) and travel funds should be available which is always helpful.

Let me know if we can work on scheduling dates for the training and have further discussions on topics to include during our

October meeting.

thanks,
julianne

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Subject: RE: IL Work
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Last week I emailed Kevin Pierard, Dean Maraldo and Tim Henry asking for a meeting or conference call to discuss the CAFO program. One of the topics I suggested was the one you very capably described below. I believe Dean is looking into dates, times and other topics that may be of interest to R5. I suggest we table your request momentarily until we have a final agenda and date for the meeting. I think we can pick this up again at the meeting. If you need to commit to EPA HQ on a date and topics to get their involvement, you may want to make Dean aware of that.
bjy

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From: Socha.Julianne@epamail.epa.gov [
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Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 9:22 AM
To: Sofat, Sanjay; Heacock, Dan; Yurdin, Bruce
Subject: IL Work Plan Training requirements

Dan, Sanjay and Bruce,

The Work Plan requires that existing and newly-hired CAFO permit writers complete the Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) Training for federal and state permit writers in addition to receiving training from EPA on the Clean Water Act and federal regulations prohibiting unpermitted discharges and requiring CAFOs that discharge to apply for a permit. The Work Plan envisioned that NMP training would be made available by EPA on-line, however, EPA's plans for this have been delayed and consequently NMP training will not be made available on-line in the near future. In order to provide this training to your staff, I'm trying to make arrangements for a representative from EPA's Water Permits Division in Washington to come to Illinois to present NMP training. The training will be based upon the "soon to be released" CAFO Permit Writers guidance. During the same training session, I would like to re-offer the EPA training that was conducted for IEPA this past March for those staff that still need this training.

If you would please let me know an estimate of the number of staff you anticipate would attend the NMP training and how many staff you anticipate would attend the general training (the general training is the same training that was offered this past March) that would be helpful. It's my understanding that all existing and some of the newly-hired staff completed the general training in March and only a few staff still need this training.

A couple other logistic questions in order for me to move forward with making arrangements for the training:

1. Would IEPA prefer the training to be offered in Springfield, at another state government location, or at the EPA regional offices in Chicago?
2. Proposed dates for the training would be sometime between November 15 and 17. The overall length of the training (1 day, 1 1/2 days, or

2 days) will depend upon how many IEPA staff will be attending the general training portion. Would staff at IEPA be available for one or two of these three days (November 15, 16 or 17)?

The last element of training required in the Work Plan is for newly-hired staff to complete the NPDES Permit Writers' Course. The training discussed above will not include this training course. The NPDES Permit Writers' Course is offered on-line and is also offered live a few times each federal fiscal year. The link to find out more information on the availability of this training course is below. Please let me know if your newly-hired staff has completed this course, date course completed or if they haven't yet completed this training class please provide me with anticipated completion dates.

http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/courses.cfm?program_id=1&outreach_id=1&o_type=1

(link for live class)

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/outreach/training/pwtraining.cfm> (link for web-based training)

Thanks,
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